(c) The details of the total revenue earned by the BCCI by sponsorship of various tournaments and international matches, during the last three years are given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Source	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
TV Rights Income	4600	4600	4600
Logo Money from Sahara India	2055.75	2513.65	1552.25
Sponsorship Money	1530	850	1380

(d) BCCI has indicated that it is engaged in the activity of promoting and popularizing the game of cricket in the country and it follows its bye-laws and decisions taken by the Working Committee from time to time.

(e) BCCI, an autonomous society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, coordinates with the Ministry on issues relating to the promotion of cricket in the country. The Ministry also assists BCCI in this task.

Financial assistance to sports bodies

1843. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have revised guidelines for giving financial assistance to sports bodies, the State Governments and the local bodies for the propagation, development and popularization of sports in the country from the primary school level onwards;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of State Governments and sports bodies in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) The Government has revised guidelines for schemes relating to Rural Sports Programme, Promotion of Sports and Games and Sports Scholarships.

(b) The schemes of Rural Sports Programme; Promotion of Sports and Games; and Sports Scholarships have been revised in 2003-04 and

are effective for implementation from 1.4.2004. The details of the revised schemes are as under:

1. **Rural Sports Programme:** Under the scheme, block, district, state and National level sports tournaments are organized. Financial assistance of Rs. 30,000/- per discipline is available to NGOs including Nehru Yuva Kendras for organizing local rural tournaments at district level for any particular discipline, including indigenous sports. Financial assistance of Rs. 50,000/- per discipline is given to Sports Authority of India (SAI) for holding State level sports competitions in collaboration with the State/UTs. In case of UT, this assistance is restricted to Rs. 25,000/- per discipline. For holding National level tournament, a grant of Rs. 2,50,000/ - per discipline is provided to Sports Authority of India (SAI). Besides, enhanced assistance of Rs. 50,000/- per district for district level competitions and Rs. 75,000/- per discipline for State level competition are also provided for the North Eastern States.

2. **Promotion of Sports and Games in Schools:** Under the scheme, grants @ Rs. 75,000 per district for holding inter-school tournaments is placed with the SAI for allocation to the district. SAI is also given a grant of Rs. 3.00 lakh each for organizing the State level tournament in collaboration with State/UT Governments. At the National level, SAI is given assistance of Rs. 2.00 lakhs per discipline for organizing national level tournaments.

3. **Sports Scholarships:** Under the scheme following scholarships are given to sportspersons fulfilling laid down criteria—

(i) State level scholarships are given @ Rs. 550 per month for 12 months to the sportsperson excelling at State level.

(ii) National level scholarships are given @ Rs. 700 per month for 12 months to the sportspersons excelling at national level.

(iii) University/College level scholarships are given @ Rs. 8.50 per month for 12 months to sportspersons excelling in university and colleges.

Besides above, Special Scholarships for Women are also given at the following rates:

(i) @ Rs.1,500 per month for 12 months to senior women champions.

(ii) @ Rs. 7,500 per course to the women doing diploma in sports coaching at SAI Centre.

(iii) @ Rs. 10,000 per annum upto maximum period of 3 years are given to the women doing M. Phil/Ph.D in Physical Education.

(c) As the quantum of assistance has been revised upwards, no specific reaction has been received.

Outcome to the meeting of Sports Ministers

1844. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the topics discussed in the conference of Sports Ministers held in Delhi in February last;

(b) the decisions arrived at; and

(c) the steps so far taken by Government and the those proposed to be taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) The Major issues discussed in the Conference related to subjects of transferring 'Sports' to the Concurrent List of the Constitution; formulation of State Youth & Sports Policies; implementation issues in respect of new schemes, strengthening and monitoring and delivery mechanism of various programmes of the Ministry etc.

(b) The general view on some of the key issues, which emerged out of the discussions were:

1. The annual budgetary allocation for the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports needs to be substantially enhanced.
2. Review of the decision to transfer of Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Sports Infrastructure, as it would adversely affect the future growth of sports infrastructure in the country. The committed liabilities of Rs. 160 crores should be provided for during the next 2 to 3 years.
3. Further consultation was required in the respective States on the issue of bringing the subject of 'Sports' in the Concurrent List of the Constitution Individual State Governments shall take a view on the subject and send written communication in this regard.